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RECORD OF MEETING NO. 2
1100 Hours, 25 October 1962

1. Daily Briefing

A briefing on the current military situation in the Cuban area by the Naval Duty Officer with Mr. Hillenbrand reviewing political developments of the past 24 hours opened the meeting. A comparable briefing will precede subsequent meetings.

2. Nuclear-Free Zone in Latin America and Africa

A paper on the subject of a Latin-American and African nuclear-free zone has been prepared by Mr. Foster. Mr. Rostow's group has also been seized with this problem. Within ISA, Mr. Bundy and Mr. Barber are working on it. Mr. Schaetzel will see what can be done to prepare a single paper for the subcommittee, focusing on the possible effect of this proposal on the Alliance. (Action: Mr. Schaetzel)

3. Inspection of Allied Traffic to Berlin

Paper submitted by Mr. Hillenbrand was agreed to, and will be sent forward to the Executive Committee when Mr. Rusk and Mr. Thompson have had an opportunity to see it. (Action: Admiral Lee)

4. Functions of the Subcommittee

Procedures for the conduct of subcommittee matters were discussed briefly. Mr. Nitze proposed two classes of papers: (1) fully coordinated papers, (2) clearly non-coordinated papers. The fully coordinated papers, he proposed, should be sent through normal channels. Mr. Nitze was called out of meeting at this point. Admiral Lee then took the chair. One proposed criterion by which to judge what papers should be processed through the subcommittee was those which can go forward to the Executive Committee.

5. U.S. Berlin Buildup

After some discussion of the paper which was tabled (#7), it was decided to consider it further at the next meeting, principally from the standpoint of procedural problems. During this discussion Admiral Lee was called out. Mr. Schaetzel then took the Chair.

6. Breaking Relations with Soviets and Satellites

The disruption [redacted] which would come with a break in diplomatic relations was discussed. A paper on the political consequences is being prepared and will be presented at the next meeting. (Action: Mr. Schaetzel)

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7. Informing SG/MC About Cuba Operations
8. Consultation with Allies

After some discussion, in view of the absence of Mr. Nitze, it was decided to defer action on the above two subjects which are closely related until the next meeting.

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